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Dear Sasbo Member

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**Re: Wanton Destruction of Property, Looting of Goods, Disruption of Transport & Various Public and Private Services and Violent and Fatal Attacks in certain Metros, Townships and Suburbs in our Beloved Country**

We trust this communication finds you and your family well and safe.

The horrific acts of disruption, destruction and criminality seen over the past number of days, that has gained intensity and momentum over the last 48 to 72 hours at the rapid scale and rate that it has taken place mainly in parts of Kwa-Zulu Natal and Gauteng and other areas, are wrong, are against the law, are infringing the rights of other citizens and are therefore condemned in the strongest terms possible.

Moreover, the morally reprehensible acts by criminal elements in our society have disrupted and ceased the operations of many health and medical facilities, not to mention the mass vaccination programme currently underway, as we are grappling to arrest the Covid-19 pandemic in the midst of a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave with the dominant Delta variant driving up infections, which have resulted in more Covid-19 related deaths.

Various businesses have been disrupted, vandalised, looted and burnt to the ground. The resulting impact, aside from the immediate interruption of supply chains, is that many of our members in many communities are unable to obtain basic necessities such as food, fuel, toiletries, much needed medicines and medical supplies or even bread, maize or flour for that matter.

Patients in healthcare facilities have not been able to receive the care they require, due to healthcare workers not being able to get to the hospitals, clinics and pharmacies.

Unfortunately, the Finance Sector was not unscathed from the wanton destruction, disruption and looting. We have received reports that many of our members, through no fault of their own, could not get to work at the various branches and departments of the Banks and Financial Institutions, due to the chaos, unrest and acts of criminality playing out in certain parts of our beloved country.

Sadly, our members were not left unscathed either. Some of our members have suffered attacks and have been injured. Most tragically, we have learned of the untimely death of one Sasbo member in Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Given the circumstances, we call on all our members to respect and abide by the rule of law and not involve themselves in any form of criminality. We appreciate that the situation is challenging to say the least, but we call for calm. We are engaging with the Finance Institutions as to the impact on you and the measures to ensure that your safety, wellbeing and life is treated as the top-most priority. We are also doing our utmost to ensure that our members', whose workplaces have been disrupted or vandalised or burnt down, that you continue receiving your salary, whilst the situation is assessed and measures are put in place towards restoration and operation.

Know that we deeply care about your wellbeing and will issue further communication in due course and as developments unfold.

We encourage our members to contact their nearest Sasbo Regional Office, should you have any specific issues or concerns that you wish to report or engage on.

Stay safe and stay strong! Remember this too shall pass!

Yours Sincerely

**Modime Joe Kokela**  
**General Secretary**

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